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Rehearsals for Soviet Tushino Air Day Show

1. The first known rehearsals for the Soviet Tushino Air Day Show occurred over northern suburbs of Moscow on 1 June. The following aircraft appeared in the morning rehearsal: one FARMER; two FRESCOS escorting an unidentified aircraft; and one BISON with a drogue trailing, followed by a second BISON with a probe nose. The cone-shaped tanker drogue emerged from the fuselage bay just forward of the trailing edge of the wing and trailed approximately 40 feet behind and below the tanker. The probe nose BISON did not make contact with the tanker BISON during the time of observation. The afternoon rehearsal consisted of 18 probable BADGERS.

2. The second known rehearsal for the Tushino Air Show took place on 3 June. Thirty-three COACH and 36 HOUND aircraft took part in the rehearsal. No jet aircraft were seen.

3. The third rehearsal occurred on 5 June. One BISON tanker and 1 BISON receiver with nose probe observed near Tushino apparently at conclusion of refueling rehearsal. Aircraft separated and broke away immediately after passing Tushino. No details of equipment or operations obtained. Other aircraft appearing in the 5 June rehearsals were as follows:

- 18 FLASHLIGHT "A"
- 20 CREEK with republic flags
- 26 MAX spelling Slava KP
- 19 MAX in aerobatics
- 1 CREEK and 14 COLT towing gliders
- 4 HARE in helicopter dance

4. The fourth rehearsal took place on 6 June. Eighteen FLASHLIGHT flew over Tushino followed by 4 unidentified aircraft. One of the unidentified aircraft was a possible BLOWLAMP and the others were possibly FITTER or FACEPLATE.

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[REDACTED] but they probably represent only partial coverage rehearsals. The rehearsals are occurring at irregular times and are generally out of range of effective Embassy observation due to both distance and visibility conditions.

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6. [REDACTED] said that the date for the show will be 30 June.

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